

Minutes of June 4, 2012

The Meeting was opened at 6:30 PM. All members were present.

The minutes of May 21st were accepted as amended.

The Board briefly started to review and discuss warrant articles for the upcoming Special Town Meeting.

Courtney Turner appeared before the Board on behalf of the American Legion Post #350. Mr. Turner advised the Board that the membership is currently down to 8 or 9 members and that the Town deeded the property to the Post in 1947. Turner stated that the Legion members recently voted to offer the property back to the Town and if the Town declines the offer the Post will try to sell the property with the intention of using the proceeds for a donation back to the Town with some stipulation(s). Such as the establishment of a fund for veterans issues such as funding for Memorial Day observance, establishing and maintenance of veteran memorials to include grave markers and flags. Mr. Turner advised that the building has three issues: the back foundation wall has collapsed, the chimney needs to be re-pointed as water is causing some wood rot, and there is an issue with Title 5 compliance. Mr. Turner invited the Board to attend the Legion's next meeting which is scheduled for this Thursday at 7:00 p.m. at the firehouse. After a brief discussion a motion was made, seconded and so voted to decline the offer of the American Legion Post #350 and to notify the Post in writing of its decision in time for the Post's Thursday meeting.

The Board reviewed and discussed the warrant articles for the June 25th Special Town Meeting. After discussion the Board decided not to include an article for the purchase of a new fire truck. A motion was made, seconded and so voted to sign the warrant as amended as soon as amendments are made.

The Board reviewed and discussed holding a public hearing regarding the matter of considering the revocation/suspension of the Alcoholic Beverage Licenses for Mepal Manor and Gedney Farm due to delinquent taxes. A motion was made, seconded and so voted to hold a public hearing on June 25, 2012 at 5:30 p.m.

The Board briefly discussed business permits. It was noted that there are some residents who don't have a business permits, such as the one that has a farmers market in Southfield. It was suggested that the Five Village News put a reminder notice in next months paper to remind all residents that if they have any type of business to apply for a business permit.

The Chair informed the Board that the jersey barriers have been placed on the iron bridge on Norfolk Road making the bridge a reversible one lane and that the stop signs are in place per Mass Dot.

Peter Marks, Highway Superintendent, appeared before the Board to submit a report from the engineer who has been inspecting all bridges in Town.

Being that there was no further business to be brought before the Board a motion was made, seconded and so voted to adjourn at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Skorput
Administrative Assistant